



## **New Zealand and Australia Twelve-Month Student Work and Travel Pilot Programs**

On September 4, 2007 the United States and Australia signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) initiating a 12-month student work and travel pilot program. This MOU, which went into effect on October 31, 2007, allows American and Australian citizens who are bona fide post-secondary students or recent graduates from post-secondary accredited schools to work and travel in the United States or in Australia for up to twelve months.

A similar 12-month student work and travel pilot program Agreement with New Zealand was signed on September 10, 2007. This agreement went into effect on signature.

Eligibility criteria for participants are noted below.

- Be a citizen of New Zealand or Australia.
- Be a bona fide post-secondary student or recent graduate. To be considered a bona fide post-secondary student, the potential participant must have completed his/her freshman year. A recent graduate is defined as an Australian or New Zealand citizen who has graduated from a post-secondary college/university in their home country within the last 12 months. The applicant must provide evidence of student status.
- Vocational students pursuing studies at a tertiary level accredited educational institution are eligible for participation.
- Provide proof of sufficient financial resources, prior to coming to the United States, to support themselves during a search for employment or between breaks in employment.

For Australian or New Zealand citizens coming to the United States, these pilot programs will operate under the current Exchange Visitor Program Summer Work Travel regulations and in accordance with the guidelines provided to each designated sponsor. Both pilot programs conclude two years after becoming effective. Each approved sponsor organization will receive a separate designation under which the Pilot programs will be administered.

The following organizations have been designated to administer the 12-month student work and travel pilot program. Proposals from additional sponsor organizations are under review and may be added to this list:

<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>	<u>Fax Number</u>
American Institute For Foreign Study - Campower Program	River Plaza 9 West Broad St.	Stamford	CT	203-399-5107	203-399-5595
Camp Counselors USA/Work Experience USA	2330 Marinship Way Suite 250	Sausalito	CA	415-339-2728 x46	415-339-2740
Center for International Career Development	4530 Union Bay Place NE, Ste. 214	Seattle	WA	206-527-7626	206-527-0338
Core Consulting Solutions, LLC	One International Boulevard Suite 400	Mahwah	NJ	866-387-2448	845-726-4174
Council for Educational Travel, USA (CETUSA)	100 South Rock Street 98531	Centralia	WA	360-736-6472	360-736-6525
Council on International Educational Exchange	300 Fore Street Second Floor	Portland	ME	207-553-4002	207-553-5002
Cultural Homestay International	104 Butterfield Rd.	San Anselmo	CA	415-459-5397 x122	415-459-2182
InterExchange, Inc.	161 6th Ave	New York	NY	917-305-5433	212-924-0575
International Cultural Exchange Organization Inc.	11931 Foundation Place, STE 220	Gold River	CA	916-985-4826	916-985-9922
International Educational Exchange, Inc.	55 New Orleans Road 210 Fountain Center 29928	Hilton Head Island	SC	843-785-1963	843-785-1964
International Exchange of North America, Inc.	242 Curt Smith Road	Southbury	CT	203-264-7707	N/A
Intrax Work/Travel	600 California Street 10th Floor	San Francisco	CA	415-434-5582	415-434-5222
Life Adventures, Inc.	14258 Creek Run Drive	Riverview	FL	561-632-2880	267-295-7831
Walt Disney World	Immigration Compliance Dept P.O. Box 10000	Lake Buena Vista	FL	407-934-6731	407-934-6829
International Branch, YMCA of Greater NY	5 West 63rd Street 2nd Floor	New York	NY	212-727-8800 x4311	212-727-8814

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